



Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Rule *South Carolina Statewide Transition Plan Proposal*

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Agenda

- A. Introduction – HCBS Rule**
- B. South Carolina Statewide Transition Plan Proposal**
 - 1. Assessment of System regulations, policies, etc.**
 - 2. Assessment for Heightened Scrutiny**
 - 3. Assessment of HCB (waiver) Facilities**
 - 4. Public notice**
- C. Comments and Questions**

Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Rule

- **Overview:**
 - HCBS Rule established new standards for HCB (or waiver) settings
 - Standards apply to all day *and* residential settings
 - CMS requires a Statewide Transition Plan to be developed and submitted no later than March 17, 2015
 - South Carolina Deadline: January 28, 2015
 - Plan details how state will come into compliance



SC Statewide Transition Plan



SC Statewide Transition Plan:

Assessment of Policies

- State must determine our current level of compliance with HCBS Rule in our:
 - Regulations Standards
 - Policies Directives
 - Rules Other requirements
- Process is currently occurring
- Plan to publicize findings in the Statewide Plan submitted to CMS in January 2015
- Changes will be pursued as appropriate for any regulations, policies, etc. that do not meet the HCBS settings requirements outlined in the CFR



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Heightened Scrutiny Assessment of Facilities (“C5”)

- State must determine if any facilities fall under the categories that are *not* home and community-based:
 - They would be subject to “heightened scrutiny” by CMS
 - That process would determine if facility met standards
- Process is currently occurring
- Plan to publicize findings in the Statewide Plan submitted to CMS in January 2015
- Site visits would be conducted sooner for these facilities to address issue(s)



SC Statewide Transition Plan:

Assessment of HCB (waiver) Facilities

- **State will distribute a self-assessment to all home and community based settings (waiver providers)**
 - Providers must complete an assessment per facility they operate (day and residential)
 - Providers will have 30 days to complete assessment
 - SCDHHS will review all self-assessments and provide written feedback to providers
 - SCDHHS will conduct site visits of facilities after self-assessment
- **Process is scheduled to begin in January 2015**



SC Statewide Transition Plan:

Assessment of HCB (waiver) Facilities, continued

- **SCDHHS will require Action Plans for compliance from Providers for facilities not in compliance**
 - Templates of Action Plans will be provided for consistent information
 - SCDHHS will review and approve actions plans
 - SCDHHS will follow up with providers (site visits) to monitor progress towards compliance.
- **Timeframe from written assessment feedback to completion of initial site visits anticipated to be approximately 18 months**



SC Statewide Transition Plan:

Public Notice & Comment

- Statewide Transition Plan is posted for public review and comment at:
www.scdhhs.gov/public-notice
www.scdhhs.gov/hcbs
- Public Comment period is:
November 7 – December 12, 2014
- Multiple opportunities for comment and input



SC Statewide Transition Plan:

Public Notice & Comment, continued

- Opportunities for comment and input:
 - Four regional public meetings for input
 - Online webinar (same content as public meetings)
 - *This will be held live, and recorded for later viewing through Dec. 12*
 - Comments on Transition plan submitted through website (<https://msp.scdhhs.gov/hcbs/webform/comments-questions>)
 - Comments submitted via mail to SCDHHS
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HCBS Rule Statewide Transition Plan

Public Meeting

Comments/Questions

Written comments can be submitted through the SCDHHS website at:

www.scdhhs.gov/hcbs

Or by mail to:

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